

Present: Renata Opoczynski, Linda Nubani, Garth Sabo, Samuel Holmes, Genevieve Lucas, Alexandria Stanley, Gail Richmond, Amanda Idema, Justin Micomonaco, Opal Bartzis, Jennifer Goett, Laura Thompson, Rachel Barnard, Anthony Stanco, Chrysoula Vasileiou, Chastity Warren, Rebecca Malouin, Thomas Summerhill, Taylor Epp, Sung Ham (Business proxy), Ebony Green, Stephen Thomas, Jonathon Weaver, Terri McElhenny, Stacia Moroski-Rigney, Kari Lopez, Nicole Richardson, Laurel Ofstein, Bridget Walsh, Nicholas Reynolds, Kari Stone-Sewalish,

Absent:

A virtual meeting of the University Committee on Undergraduate Education was held on September 10, 2026 at 10:15am via Zoom with Rachel Barnard presiding. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes for April 23, 2026 were approved as presented.

Chair Remarks: Welcome- delighted to be with you all this year. Since there are those who have served on the committee for upwards of 6 years and some just joining, a few reminders for the coming year:

- First governance stop for changes to undergraduate academic programs- after our recommendation vote captured, it goes to UCC
- We are asked for feedback on policies that impact undergraduate students
- UCUE Chair serves as liaison to and from 3 other governance committees
- We will be asking for self-nominations for UCUE reps for MEAC & Athletic Council in the next UCUE meeting
- Search for VPUE- Garth on Search committee representing UCUE
- 2 UCUE representatives serving on Gen Ed council- John Spink & Alexandria Stanley
- UCUE members are the only ones with voting capabilities
- One Team/One Health- College of Health Sciences has not been on by BOT, but they plan to build out team to continue conversations with colleges
- As we engage in this committee, please do not hesitate to ask questions, big or small, as we have busy & impactful work ahead of us
- UCUE Members only have voting rights
 - o We will make motions to give guests voice as it arises



Interim VPDUE Remarks:

- Renata will be Ex-Officio with UCUE until new VPDUE comes in
- It has been wonderful as we have created a robust/helpful structures to take part in curriculum conversations
- Thank you, Rachel, for all your work already
- Here to support/advocate/voice to/from Provost as needed

Brief overview of UCUE & Robert's Rules- Nicholas Reynolds

Chair serves on Steering Committee, University Council, Faculty Senate

- This committee has delegated authority on grading policy, GPA, admissions, graduation
- Recommends approval/rejection of curriculum changes
- Shared responsibility for undergraduate policy with Dean of Undergraduate Education
- Direct questions to chair
- Always remember who you are representing and the importance of that
- If you fail to attend committee in single academic year, you are eligible removal
 - o If you cannot attend, please designate a substitute

UCUE Vice Chair Vote:

- **Garth Sabo self-nominated**
 - o **Approved with majority vote to make Garth Sabo Vice Chair of UCUE for 2026-27 academic year**

Curriculum Requests:

- [Medical Laboratory Science BS](#) (Admissions Change) – Nicole Richardson
 - o **Approved with majority vote without objections**
- [Entrepreneurship and Innovation Experiences Option](#) (Discontinuation) – Laurel Ofstein
 - o As this was confusing for professors who were meant to approve, we are eliminating this option and have internally approved options only
 - Approved with majority, none opposed
 - o **Approved with majority vote without objections**
- [Communicative Sciences and Disorders MNUN](#) (Moratorium) – Kari



Lopez/Bridget Walsh

- Only falls 2 credits short for graduate studies
 - With introduction to major the courses are under enrollment strain so minor is contributing to this
- **Approved with majority vote without objections**

-Zoology BA (Moratorium) – Terri McElhinny

- This being a BA with a focus on communication and believe that the need for physics/biology courses being for Zoology that keeps students from being interested in this
 - Review of this is the purpose for the moratorium
- **Approved with majority vote without objection**

Discussion: Feedback on the General Education Modernization proposed framework – Stacia Moroski-Rigney

UCUE will be responsible for approval or rejection of proposed framework for Gen Ed

- This will be a vote in October
- Approval in October will be for Program
 - Course proposals will be requested for review at a later date
- Bubble/boxes (on structure image) = 1 class may make this easier for faculty to understand the requirements
- Working to structure Gen Ed to allow more freedom/exploratory areas so they will be able to choose an impact area as a pull through for Gen Ed
 - Courses will be flagged in the following Spartan Impact Areas–
 - Leadership
 - Flexibility
 - Curiosity
 - Community
 - Integrity
- The purpose of the framework is to offer consistency for students for all majors
- Dual purpose credits are meant to cover some things asked to be represented
- Budget Steering Committee will discuss how to have a budget model that fully funds General Education
- As we prepare, UCUE will receive the final framework to review and based on when we receive that, we will determine which meeting we will hold the vote on



that framework to ensure ample time for review and discussions with colleagues

- Reach out to Jonathon Weaver or Natasha Briggs to connect with representatives for Gen Ed Modernization within your college

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:03pm.

Racheal Raymer

Approved: [month day, year]